COMMON SNAKES OF CAPE TOWN



Cape Town has around 26 species of snakes. Five species are considered highly venomous. Two species are venomous and another can deliver a painful bite that may require stitches. Seven species are mildly venomous and the rest are harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans











MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake (Homoroselaps lacteus)

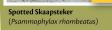




(Psammophis crucifer)







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Common Slug-eater
(Duberria lutrix) - photo Luke Kemp

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake (Rhinotyphlops Ialandei) - photo Luke Kemp

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